

SMITHTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 130

Smithton, Illinois 62285

Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, August 13, 2014

MINUTES

The Finance Committee of the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District No. 130 was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 in the Superintendent's Office, 316 South Hickory, Smithton, Illinois 62285.

Mrs. Sara Sutherland, Board of Education Secretary, recorded minutes of the meeting

1. The Finance Committee meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chair Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer at 6:05 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
3. Roll Call: Sara Sutherland, Gabrielle Schwemmer and Dale Barschak were present. Also in attendance at the meeting were Superintendent Susan Homes and Director of Business Heidi Etling.
4. Public Forum
 - 4.1 Written Correspondence – none
 - 4.2 Audience Input – none
5. Reports
 - 5.1 As part of a **review of the 2013-2014 fiscal year**, Superintendent Homes provided an overview of the staff reduction actions for the 2014-2015 school year. She reported that the district reduced non-certified staff by two paraprofessionals and one playground monitor.
 - 5.2 Mrs. Etling presented the committee with the **tentative budget for FY 2015**. She provided an overview of individual funds' historical data as well as the FY15 budgeted revenue and expenses as well as the overall anticipated fund balance activity. Mrs. Etling reported the anticipated tax revenue (approximately \$20,000 increase) and reduction in General State Aid (approximately \$40,000 decrease). Mrs. Etling reported that the district's growing enrollment could result in some increased General State Aid for FY16.

The committee discussed the remaining balance from the Capital Projects fund (approximately \$189,000). Several ideas were generated including a discussion of the need for a bathroom for the portable building as well as playground improvements and classroom furniture refresh.

Mrs. Homes reported that the district's recent \$50,000 maintenance grant award and IEMA grant award (\$12,700) would be used to update the district's security systems including an intercom buzzer system, door chime alert system, access

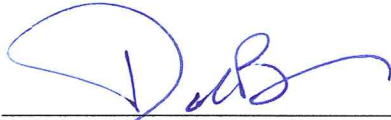
control system and CCTV camera system upgrades.

Mrs. Homes reported that the district is experiencing a shortage of digital devices (iPads) due to the recent influx of new students. The district's technology committee and the 8th grade teachers are in favor of a move for 8th graders to Chromebooks. Mrs. Homes presented price comparisons and recommended a 36-month lease agreement for 85 Chromebooks through IT SAVVY. She will present the recommendation to the full Board at the August 19 meeting.

Mrs. Homes reported that the lease cost would be covered by the district's REAP grant. REAP grant funds would also be used to purchase Microsoft Office licenses, Lego Robotics, replacement monitors, speakers, and iPad stands, device cases for students in grades 6-8, as well as for professional development for staff during the year.

Mrs. Homes reported that Title grant funds would be used to install a Promethean Board in Mrs. Hoover's classroom as well as to provide funds for a fall reading night, math and reading strategies, and to begin an after-school tutoring program for students at risk of failing in reading.

6. The committee agreed to hold their next meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office.
7. The committee adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



President



Secretary